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1. At the end of September 1950 Rumanian troops had been withdrawn from the Yugoslav frontier region because many officers and troops had deserted into Yugoslavia. At first the deserters were returned to Rumania by the Yugoslav authorities, but later they were interned in camps. This led to the removal of the Rumanians, and their replacement by Soviet troops.
  2. In September at Piatra Olt [ ] about sixty railroad cars loaded with camouflaged guns of all sizes coming from the north and heading toward Timisoara. 50X1-HUM
  3. Trains running from Bucharest to Timisoara have two cars reserved for "Russians only."
  4. There are ammunition warehouses at Pitesti, Arges, Timisoara, Sibiu and Ramnicul Valcea.
  5. The Ministry of Forestry administers all forests and lumber mills in Rumania. The Minister of Forestry is Prisnea from Piatra Neamt. The Ministry has Soviet advisers who are also its principal directors.
  6. The Ministry of Forestry is located on Strada Bursel near the Russian church.
  7. There are 25 branches of IPEIL (exploitation and industrialization of wood) in all of Rumania. The IPEIL branch in Bucharest is located on Strada Transilvaniei No. 24. Director of this section is a certain Iauta.
  8. IPEIL branches in Rumania are located as follows: Pitesti, Brasov (Stalin), Sibiu, Arad, Sighet, Craiova, Caransebes, Campulung-Bucovina, Iasi, Bacau, Piatra Neamt, Timisoara, Oradea, Satu Mare, Mercurea Ciuc, Galati, Constanta, Buzau, Ploesti, Bistrita, Nasaud, Falticeni, Lugoj and Targu Mures.
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10. The Ministry of Forestry assigns to each of the IPEIL regional administrations a forest which is to be exploited within one year. The regional IPEIL cuts the timber and selects it according to quality. It then sends it to the saw mills to be cut into planks. Lumber for export is turned over to Exportlemn. Lumber for domestic consumption, which amounts to three percent of the total annual production, is sent to Comlemn. Firewood is sent to the state enterprise Combustibil.
11. Besides the IPEIL regional organizations, Sovrolemn has similar organizations in various parts of the country exploiting Rumanian forests which belong to it.
12. In all Rumania the following four factories make furniture and light wood-work: Deta, Balta Sărată, Găgești near Focșani, and Drajno near Bucharest.
13. IPEIL Pitesti should have produced 96,000 cubic meters of lumber in 1949, but only produced 70,000 cubic meters.
14. It is estimated that about eight hundred thousand cubic meters of lumber goes to the Soviet Union each year; about seventy percent through the port of Constanta and about thirty percent through Galați. Small quantities of lumber go through Rădăuți and Sighet. It is planned to double the quantity of production in 1951.
15. In Constanta there is a special Soviet commission to receive all lumber going to the Soviet Union. The chief of the commission is a Soviet citizen, engineer Balabanov from Moscow. Two commission members are engineers Bietcov and Sachin. A similar commission is located at Galați and Rădăuți. A commission member at Rădăuți is a certain Lebedev.
16. Since 1 October 1950 the 24 IPEIL's have organized into six groups called Trustlemn. The six Trustlemn centers are located at Pitesti, Brasov, Arad, Câmpulung-Bucovina, Iași, and Bucharest. These trusts are branches of the Ministry of Forestry and have the same administration as the Ministry of Forestry.
17. Rumania exports lumber through Exportlemn to Hungary, [REDACTED]

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